GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3310
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DISPUTES ON SHARING OF RIVER WATER
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of river water disputes settled during the last three years;

(b) the number and names of river water disputes which are going on for the last more than five years; and

(c) the names of States experiencing shortage of water following non-settlement of disputes?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SMT. BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY)

(a) No river water disputes has been settled during the last three years.

(b) & (c) Ravi & Beas Water Disputes between the Statesof Punjab, Haryana & Rajasthan and Cauvery Water disputes between the States of Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Keralaand UT of Pondicherry had been referred to the Tribunals under the provisions of Inter State Water Disputes (ISWD) Act, 1956 in April,1986 and June, 1990 respectively. The Ravi & Beas Water Tribunal has submitted their first report in January, 1987. The Central Governmentand party States have sough explanations/guidance from the Tribunal under the Section 5 (3) of the ISWD Act, 1956. The Cauvery Water Disputes Tribunal has passed an Interim Order on June 25, 1991.